

shall decide questions of order, subject to the Synod, to be decided without debate. When called upon to explain a point of order, he shall state the rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment.

5. Members of the Synod shall sit uncovered, the clerical members to be habited in bands and gowns, and every member before speaking shall rise from his seat and address himself to the chair. When two or more members rise at same time, the Chairman shall name the member who is first to speak.

6. When the Chairman is putting a question, no member shall walk out of or across the house; nor, when a member is speaking, shall any member hold discourse to interrupt him, except to order, nor pass between him and the chair; and every member present when a question is put shall be required to vote on the same. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

7. No member, save the mover of a motion, who is entitled to reply, shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

8. A member may, of right, require the motion in discussion to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking.

9. A member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Synod, if appealed to, shall decide the case, but without debate; if there be an appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

10. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, nor use improper language against the proceedings of the Synod, or against particular members thereof, nor speak beside the question in debate.

11. The Chairman may at any time desire the Synod to be cleared of strangers, and may suspend the debate then in progress until the Synod be so cleared.